



# Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

## Program Descriptions

Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

**\*Programs marked with an asterisk require reservations. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot!**

### BIRDS AND BRANCHES

Fly into the visitor center for this guided hike to search for local birds. Bring binoculars if you have them.

### OWL PROWL

Experience the refuge at night! Explore the world of owls and learn about their amazing adaptations on this guided hike through the forest.

### HIKE THE DIKES

"Hike the Dikes" is a cooperative program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Attend three hikes and earn a hiking stick! *Meet at the Magee Marsh Sportsman's Migratory Bird Center.*

### MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join a refuge volunteer and become a citizen scientist the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather.  
*Meet at the trailhead parking area.*

### BIKE THE DIKES

Bring your bike and join a ranger to explore the refuge trail system in search of wildlife.  
Helmets are encouraged.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Enjoy a slide show and hike to celebrate Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge's 52nd birthday!

### BUTTERFLY ID WORKSHOP & COUNT

Learn the common butterflies of the region while participating in this informative talk and field session on June 22nd. Count on July 27th.

### SELF-GUIDED AUTO TOUR

Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile route departs from the visitor center parking lot. Gates open at 8:00 am and close at 4:00 pm.

### **\*BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR\***

Join a ranger for behind the scenes access to habitat hotspots in the area. Destinations vary!

### **\*EAGLE TOUR\***

The bald eagle was chosen in 1782 as the emblem of the United States of America because of its long life, great strength, and majestic looks. Join a ranger on this back roads bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge to see this national icon.

### **\*NATURE TOTS\***

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun!

### **\*SWAMPERS\***

Children ages 6-12 are invited to join a refuge ranger for a swampin' good time! Topics vary each month.

### **\*WILD WEDNESDAYS\***

Join a refuge ranger for hands on activities and outside fun! Children ages 3-5 meet from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Children ages 6-12 meet from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

### SKINS AND BONES

For kids of all ages! Have you ever wondered what animals are wearing under and over their skin? Join a refuge ranger for a look at some of the skulls and furs of Ottawa NWR mammals.



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## Calendar of Events

June—August, 2013

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### Saturday, June 1

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*  
1:00-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, June 2

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

### Wednesday, June 5

10am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Saturday, June 8

9am— Hike the Dikes

### Sunday, June 9

1:30-3pm— Birds and Branches

### Wednesday, June 12

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, June 15

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour  
9:30-11am— Birds and Branches  
2-3pm— Skins and Bones

### Sunday, June 16

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour  
1:30-3pm— Bike the Dikes

### Wednesday, June 19

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, June 22

9:30-11am— Bike the Dikes  
10am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*  
1pm— Butterfly ID Workshop  
1-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Sunday, June 23

1:30-3pm— Bike the Dikes

### Wednesday, June 26

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, June 29

8-10pm— Owl Prowl

### Sunday, June 30

1:30-3pm— Birds and Branches

### Wednesday, July 3

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, July 6

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*  
1:00-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, July 7

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

### Wednesday, July 10

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, July 13

9am— Hike the Dikes  
1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

### Sunday, July 14

9:30-11am— Birds and Branches  
1:30-3pm— Bike the Dikes

### Wednesday, July 17

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Friday, July 19

8-10pm— Owl Prowl

### Saturday, July 20

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour  
10-11am— Skins and Bones  
1-2pm— Skins and Bones

### Sunday, July 21

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

### Wednesday, July 24

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, July 27

10am-4pm— Butterfly Count

### Sunday, July 28

1:00pm— Anniversary Celebration

### Wednesday, July 31

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, August 3

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*  
1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, August 4

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

### Tuesday, August 6

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

### Wednesday, August 7

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Friday, August 9

8-10pm— Owl Prowl

### Saturday, August 10

9am— Hike the Dikes  
1:30-3pm— Bike the Dikes

### Wednesday, August 14

10am-12pm— Wild Wednesdays  
1pm-3pm— Wild Wednesdays

### Saturday, August 17

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

### Sunday, August 18

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

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ASSOCIATION

### Members Only Events:

#### Saturday, August 10

9:30am-12pm— Darby Marsh &  
Blausey Unit Bus Tour\*

Membership information is available at  
the visitor center information desk.